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## CELEBRATING NATIONAL FARMERS' MARKET WEEK IN CONNECTICUT

**HARTFORD** - Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky marked National Farmers' Market Week on Tuesday by visiting Connecticut's first-ever market, established at the historic Old State House nearly four centuries ago.

As customers from surrounding office buildings and neighborhoods browsed growers and vendors set up on the building's brick plaza, Reviczky noted that the site was once home to the "Great Country Store," created in 1643 by the General Court of Connecticut as a public market for produce, cattle and other merchandise.

"What better place to celebrate National Farmers' Market Week in Connecticut than where it all started," Reviczky said.

Today, there are more than 125 certified farmers' markets all over the state.

"Customers looking for fresh Connecticut Grown produce and other items can probably find a farmers' market near their home or work virtually every day of the week," Reviczky said. "These markets are a great example of how agriculture is thriving in Connecticut and right now is the perfect time to take advantage of the incredible

quality and diversity of products they offer."

Connecticut has led New England in the growth of new farms in recent years, and agriculture contributes about \$3.5 billion into Connecticut's economy and represents about 28,000 jobs.

Visiting a market in Hartford was also significant because of the great increase in the number of farmers' markets in cities, where fresh produce hasn't always been readily available.

"This farmers' market is really special," said Nicole Sousa, an educator at the Old State House who helps run the market. "It brings the community together and brings local produce to people who not only want it but who need it, especially here in downtown Hartford."

In his proclamation declaring Aug. 6-12 as National Farmers Market Week, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said the 18th annual celebration supports producers by encouraging customers to buy at their local farmers' market.

Farmers' markets and other agricultural direct-marketing outlets contribute approximately \$9 billion each year to the U.S. economy, he said, and "serve as significant outlets by which small-to-medium, new

**NATIONAL  
FARMERS  
MARKET  
WEEK 2017**

**August 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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**USDA WHOLESALE CUTFLOWERS**

August 8, 2017. \$/pack as noted.

AGERATUM,NENG, PA, /BN, L	7.50	8.50
ALLIUM, DRMSTC, NENG, BN	8.50	9.00
AMARANTHUS, UPRT, PA, /BN	8.50	8.50
ASCLEPIAS, PA, 10/BN, LNG	8.00	10.00
ASTER, CA, MATSUMOTO, BN	7.50	8.50
ASTILBE, CA, 10/BN, LONG	12.50	13.50
CELOSIA, PA, PLUMOSA, BN	8.50	8.50
CORNFLOWER, CA, 25/BN, L	8.50	8.50
DAHLIA, 5/BN, PA, LONG	8.50	8.50
DELPHNM, HYB, NENG, 10/BN	14.00	14.00
GLAD, STD, NJ, 10/BN, LNG	8.50	8.50
GOMPHRENA, PA, /BN, LONG	10.00	10.00
LAVENDER, PA, PER BN, LNG	10.00	10.00
LILIES, ASIA, ME, CA, /BN, L	12.50	15.00
LILY, SRBNE, ME, /BN, LNG	25.00	25.00
LISISANTHUS, NENG, 10/BN, L	17.50	18.50
QUN ANNE LACE, CA, /BN, L	10.00	10.00
SNAPDRGON, NENG, 10/BN, L	12.00	12.75
STATICE, SINUATA, CD, /BN, L	5.00	5.00
STOCK, CA, DBL, 5/BN, LNG	12.00	12.00
SUNFLOWER, NENG, 5/BN, XL	6.50	7.50
SUNFLOWER, NENG, 10/BN, L	8.50	8.50
YARROW, YLW, CD, /BN, L	8.50	8.50
ZINNIA, PA, /BN, LONG	6.50	6.50

**USDA WHOLESALE HERBS**

August 7, 2017. \$/unit.

ANISE, CA, 24	42.00	48.00
ARUGULA, BABY, NJ, 4 LB	12.00	13.50
BASIL, NJ, 15 BN/1/2 BRUCE	18.00	22.00
CHIVES, MA& NH, 1 LB	8.00	10.00
CILANTRO, CA, 30 BN	16.00	20.00
CIPOLINOS, NY, 10 LBS	16.00	18.00
DILL, NJ, 12 BN/1 LB BAG	7.00	7.00
HORSERADISH, MS, 5 LBS	12.00	14.00
MARJAROM, NJ, 12 BN/1 LB	7.00	8.00
MINT, MA, 1/2 BU, 12 BNCH	10.00	12.00
OREGANO, NJ, 1 LB BAG	8.00	9.00
ROSEMARY, NJ, 1 LB, 12	7.00	10.00
SAGE, NJ, 1 LB, 12 BNCH	7.00	9.00
SAVORY, NJ, 1LB	7.00	10.00
SORREL, NJ, 12 BN/1LB	10.00	12.00
TARRAGON, NH, 1 LB, 12	10.00	10.00
THYME, NJ, 12 BN/1LB	7.00	10.00
WATERCRSS, FL, 12 BNCH	10.50	12.00
WATERCRSS, FL, 24 BNCH	14.00	16.00
WNTERCRS, GHS, PA, 2.2LB	13.00	16.00
WNTRCRS, ORG, GH, PA, 2.2#26.00	26.00	26.00

**USDA ORGANIC FRUIT- BOSTON MKT**

Wholesale prices. \$/unit as marked.

BLACKBERRY, 12- 6 OZ	32.00	32.00
BLUEBERRY, 12- 6 OZ	20.00	32.00
RASPBERRY, 12- 6OZ	39.00	39.00
STRAWBERRY, 8-1 LB	18.00	18.00

**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.89	1.03
LARGE	.84	.98
MEDIUM	.49	.62

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.43	1.55
LARGE	1.39	1.50
MEDIUM	.80	.94
SMALL	.48	.58

**CONNECTICUT FARMERS' MARKET**

Price per lb or as noted. August 5-9, 2017.

	LOW	HIGH
APPLES, EARLY MAC, /LB	3.00	3.00
APPLES, EARLY MAC, /QT	3.00	3.00
BLACKBERRIES, 6-1PT	35.00	35.00
BLUEBERRIES, W/FILM, PINT	5.00	5.00
CABBAGE, PER HEAD	3.00	3.00
CALLALOO, PER BUNCH	4.00	4.00
CARROTS, PER BUNCH	2.00	2.00
CORN, SWEET, EACH	.33	.50
CORN, SWEET, PER DOZEN	5.00	6.00
CUKES, EACH	.75	1.50
CUKES, 1/2 BU	10.00	15.00
CUKES, PICKLERS, 1/2 BU	10.00	55.00
EGGPLANT, PER LB	2.00	2.00
EGGS, PER DOZEN	3.00	3.00
GREENS, /BUNCH	1.00	3.00
KALE, BLACK, /BUNCH	1.00	1.00
PEACHES, QUART	3.00	5.00
PEACHES, 8 QT HANDLE	15.00	15.00
PEACH, SATURN, HNDL BSKT	25.00	25.00
RADISHES, PER BUNCH	1.00	1.00
RADISHES, PER BOX	10.00	10.00
SQUASH, QUART	3.00	4.00
TOMATOES, PER QT	4.00	4.00
TOMATOES, PER LB.	1.99	1.99
TOMATO, CHERRY, HNDL BSKT	15.00	15.00
TOMATO, PURPLCHRRY, HBSKT	15.00	15.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices  
CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LB CTN	14.00	14.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4 OZ	16.00	16.50
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEANS, FLAT GREEN, BU	30.00	30.00
BEANS, GRN, HNDPKD, BU	20.00	30.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	25.00	40.00
BLUEBERRY, 12-1PT, PULP	30.00	32.00
BLUEBERRY, 12-1PT CUP W/LID	22.00	36.00
BLUEBERRY, WILD, 12-1 PT FILM	60.00	60.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, 50 LBS	12.00	12.00
CAULIFLOWER, 12S, JKTPK	15.00	18.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON	21.00	22.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	22.50	25.00
COLLARDS, CRATE, BNCHD, 12	12.00	13.00
CORN, 5 DOZ	14.00	17.00
CUKE, PCKLING, 1-1/9, 200-300	24.00	24.00
CUKE, PCKLING, 1/2 BU	6.00	8.00
CUKES, LARGE, 1-1/9	18.00	18.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9	14.00	14.00
KALE, BUNCHED, 12	12.00	13.00
KALE, LACINITO, BUNCHED, 12	16.00	16.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, 24	15.00	15.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, 1-1/9 BU	58.00	60.00
PEPPER, GREEN BELL, XL, 1-1/9	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, #1, 1/2 BU	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, GREEN, #1, 1/2 BU	12.00	12.00
SQUASH, YELSTRNCK, M, 1/2 BU	10.00	10.00
SQUASH, YELSTRNCK, S, 1/2 BU	12.00	12.00
SWISS CHARD, MIXED, CTN, 12	15.00	16.00
TOM, GHS, CHRRY, ONVINE, 5 LB	13.00	14.00
TOMS, GHS, CHRRY, 8-10 OZ	20.00	24.00
TOMS, GHS, VNRP, 25 LBS	18.00	22.00
TOMS, GHS, 11 LBS, ON VINE	12.00	14.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - August 7, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	35.00	45.00
61-75 lbs.	70.00	75.00
76-90 lbs.	95.00	100.00
91-105 lbs.	105.00	107.50
106 lbs. & up	110.00	115.00
Farm Calves	117.00	122.50
Starter Calves	20.00	30.00
Veal Calves	117.50	145.00
Feeder Heifers	70.00	74.00
Beef Heifers	91.00	107.00
Feeder Steers	67.00	105.00
Beef Steers	95.00	117.00
Feeder Bulls	95.00	120.00
Beef Bulls	93.00	105.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	105.00	160.00
Lambs each	160.00	240.00
Goats each	120.00	360.00
Kid Goats each	45.00	330.00
Canners up to	70.00	70.00
Cutters	71.00	74.00
Utility Grade Cows	75.00	78.00
Rabbits each	4.00	18.00
Chickens each	3.00	35.00
Ducks each	4.00	17.50

**LANCASTER, PA, LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**  
Avg. dressing. per cwt. unless noted

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	70.00	73.50
boners 80-85% lean	70.00	73.50
lean 88-90% lean	61.00	67.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	116.00	123.00
Choice 2-3	115.00	117.50
Select 1-2	109.00	115.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Hi Choice/Prime 3-4	97.00	105.00
Choice 2-3	90.00	93.00
Sel 1-2	86.00	91.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 2-3	115.00	116.50
Choice 2-3	113.00	114.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 112-130 lbs	120.00	130.00
No 1 96-110 lbs	146.00	150.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Mkts:		
Ch/Prime 2-390-110 lbs	200.00	205.00
Ch/Prime 2-3110-130 lbs	180.00	195.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	95.00	120.00
120-160 lbs	80.00	110.00
160-200 lbs	80.00	107.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
20-40 lbs	115.00	135.00
40-60 lbs	135.00	160.00
60-80 lbs	160.00	180.00
80-100 lbs	175.00	185.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	180.00	205.00
130-180 lbs	230.00	265.00

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and beginning, and veteran agricultural producers market agricultural products, generating revenue that supports the sustainability of family farms and the revitalization of rural communities nationwide.”

On Friday, USDA’s flagship Farmers’ Market in Washington D.C will host several special events on the National Mall, including a special Night Market.

Many markets in Connecticut are also marking the week with entertainment and other special events. The following markets supplied information to the Dept. of Agriculture:

- **Ellington Farmers’ Market:** Will hold a Peach Festival on Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon featuring fresh peach shortcake from Luann’s Bakery, tree ripened peaches, peach salsas, jams and peach baked goods. Judy Handler and Mark Levesque will provide musical entertainment.
- **Cromwell Farmers’ Market:** Fridays 4-7 p.m. Hosting a pickle-tasting contest this week in which home cooks can enter their pickles. First-place winner will receive a \$100 prize.
- **Avon Library Farmers’ Market:** on Monday offered giveaways including a \$20 gift certificate to the market, cookbooks and carrying totes.
- **Voluntown Farmers Market:** Sundays from 9 a.m. - noon offering a full assortment of garden fresh veggies, baked goods, artisan goat soap, jams and jellies, fresh garlic, specialty salads, and more.
- **Old Greenwich Farmers Market:** Wednesdays from 2:30-6 p.m., offering farm fresh Connecticut Grown products and promoting local businesses in a lively, family oriented setting.

**FOR SALE**

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- **Durham Farmers’ Market:** Thursdays from 3-6 p.m. is offering entertainment and children’s story time, as well as local produce, honey, baked goods, Italian ice, spices, meats, brick oven pizza, and falafel.
- **Orange Community Farmers’ Market:** Thursdays from 3:30-7 p.m. This week will feature band Fools on the Hill at 6:30 p.m. along with fruit, vegetables, maple syrup, soaps, wool, meat, pasta, breads, pastry, salads, teas, and food trucks.
- **Stonington Village Farmers’ Market:** Saturdays from 9 a.m. – noon with 20-plus farms selling vegetables, fruits, cheese, meat, fish, and milk.
- **Bristol Farmers’ Market:** Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Featuring live music with a variety of selections from organic produce to baked goods, soaps, and more.

**A list of all markets is available on the Department of Agriculture’s website:**

[www.CTGrown.gov](http://www.CTGrown.gov)

**POND MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP NEXT WEEK**

A combination of lectures from national experts and a tour to Monrovia Nursery are featured in a pond management workshop being offered on Tuesday, August 17 at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in Windsor. More information at: <http://ipm.uconn.edu/events-pnd-mgmt-wrkshp.php>

**HELPING FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES FOCUS OF DISCUSSION TOMORROW IN ENFIELD**

Join Connecticut AgrAbility, a program for farmers and agricultural workers with disabling conditions, for a farm discussion at Smyth’s Trinity Farm in Enfield on Thursday, August 10 from 7-9 PM on injury prevention, training, and education. For more information call 860-774-9600 or email:

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83-R. John Deere loader; yellow machine, gas, chains, 1-1/4 yard bucket. Well maintained. \$5,000.00. 860-933-6918.

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**Clockwise from top:** Stonington Village Farmers' Market; Avon Library Farmers' Market; two views of the Old State House market.

**Page 1 left:** Bristol Farmers' Market.

**Page 1 right:** Cmsr. Reviczky with Old State House market officials Nicole Sousa (L) and Rebecca Taber-Conover.

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